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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 18, 2008, in connection with the patent application identified above. If any extensions or fees are required, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension and a conditional authorization to charge any additional related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-1700. Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

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